

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 190 - HB 145

February 8, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires orders by electronic means by medical staff of a hospital to be authenticated the same as verbal orders: by a physician or authorized individual who has the authority to issue verbal orders in accordance with hospital policies or medical staff bylaws.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities may revise current hospital regulations to reflect the new provision, conduct rulemaking for the revised regulations, and train survey staff to review verbal order records to ensure each hospital's compliance with the new requirement.
- The Board for Licensing Health Care Facilities is required to collect fees in an amount sufficient to pay the costs of operating the Board. All fees collected by the Board are deposited by the Department of Health with the State Treasurer to the credit of the General Fund and shall be expended by the Department and included in the appropriation made for the Board in the *General Appropriations Act*.
- Any change in expenditures of the Board is estimated to be not significant.
- The Board had net surplus of \$401,492 in FY14-15 and a deficit of \$388,117 in FY15-16.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- Requiring medical staff to treat electronic orders the same as verbal orders will not impact commerce or jobs in Tennessee.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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